

Torrance, California.
June 7th., 1932.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, June 7th., 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Conner, Ludlow, Steiner and Klusman.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting

of May 17th., 1932, be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication under date of June 5th, 1932, from Dr. L.M. Ellinwood addressed to City Engineer Leonard, enclosing deed for the widening of Sepulveda Boulevard. City Engineer Leonard recommended that this deed be accepted by the City of Torrance. Clerk Bartlett read

RESOLUTION NO. 535

ACCEPTING DEED FROM DR. L. M. ELLINWOOD FOR THE
WIDENING OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD.

Councilman Steiner moved Resolution No. 535 be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication, was read from several former residents of Torrance, now of Oakland, California, felicitating the new Board and hoping that they would be able to replace good times so they could return home. Councilman Steiner moved this letter be filed. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication dated May 26th., 1932, from Susan M. A. Martin, calling attention to the change of grade of Ocean Avenue on account of the Sepulveda improvement and requested that the water be carried on southerly passed her property. The City Engineer stated that when the improvement of Ocean Avenue was made this condition would be taken care of. Councilman Steiner moved the Clerk be instructed to reply to this letter. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

As Mrs. Martin was in the audience the improvement of Ocean Avenue was explained to her after which Councilman Steiner withdrew his motion as he did not know Mrs. Martin was present.

A communication, was read, under date of May 23, 1932, from Stephen & Leora Nyland stating their driveway was damaged when the General Petroleum ran their pipe line passed their property. Engineer Leonard reported that this had been repaired.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from C. H. Robertson stating his desire to lease the 4½ acres City property known as the Sewer Farm for the purpose of extracting therefrom sand and clay for which 10¢ per yard will be paid. Councilman Conner moved this matter be referred to the proper committee and later recommended to the Council. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication under date of June 3rd, from the Regional Planning Commission asking approval of map of Tract No. 10651. Councilman Steiner moved the map of Tract No. 10651 be approved. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Los Angeles League of Municipalities was read soliciting membership of the City of Torrance. Councilman Steiner moved the communication be referred to the Finance Committee.

A young man representing the University of Southern California spoke briefly with reference to the summer course of Public Administration Institute of Government and requested that the City take out a \$25.00 membership.

A communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was read, relative to advertising in an effort to attract the summer vacationists to Torrance, and asking that an amount of \$300.00 be allocated for this purpose. Councilman Steiner moved that the \$300.00 be allocated as per the above request. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Conner, Ludlow, Steiner and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Attorney Jensen reported that an approximate cost of \$250.00 would take care of filing a petition for a reduction in water rates

with the Railroad Commission. Also he reported that the Citizens' Water Committee has forwarded to the Water Company a recommendation that they made which is an approximate 25% cut on their present rates. This recommendation has been forwarded to the Water Company's Ohio office to be acted on.

Mayor Klusman stated he talked to Mr. Schwab of O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers' office yesterday and Mr. Schwab said they were trying to hurry the water suit along.

City Attorney Jensen reported that the Board of Supervisors have completed action to have the lighting district in South Torrance taken out of the Lomita lighting district and it is now within the jurisdiction of the City of Torrance.

Mayor Klusman reported that the Board of Supervisors had unanimously voted to build the Sanitation Health Center here. They are to advertise for bids on the 20th. of June.

Mayor Klusman reported the Fern Avenue School construction has been started, and called Mr. Hyde's attention to the fact that a petition signed by the citizens of Torrance should be presented to the Board of Supervisors asking that as many jobs as possible be given to Torrance people.

Councilman Ludlow moved that warrants be drawn for all future bills and same be registered until further notice. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Conner reported he had made inspections in Walteria and the oil fields included in our incorporated limits and found considerable fire hazard and had instructed the fire chief to serve notices to clean up the premises, and would like to have a check kept on this.

Councilman Conner also stated he would like to have a general committee meeting on the Block-to-Block System Friday the 10th, at 8:00 P.M. This was agreed upon.

Councilman Ludlow inquired as to a report on the matter of a change from a Flat Rate to a Metered Rate in the lighting system. This matter had been referred to the Police Fire & Lights Committee. Councilman Steiner moved the Engineer be instructed to get in touch with the Edison Company along the lines necessary to proceed to bring that condition about. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman suggested a hose cart be placed in the Walteria district for better fire protection. On account of the water pressure not being sufficient no action was taken.

Mayor Klusman stated he had requested Mr. Quandt of Quandt Water Company in Walteria to lower a 6" water main, and this had been done. He also stated that certain pipe lines crossing Sepulveda Boulevard had been lowered by city employees with the knowledge and consent of Councilman Steiner, Engineer Leonard and Street Superintendent Gascoigne and this act was not legal. Therefore, he would disqualify Engineer Leonard and Street Superintendent Gascoigne and relieve Councilman Steiner of his duties as Chairman of Street, Sewer and Parks Committee, and appointed Councilman Ludlow to act in place of Councilman Steiner.

Mayor Klusman questioned the efficiency of the Police Department and recommended reductions in salaries of both Police and Fire Departments, also insisted that the work of all departments be staggered.

The above matters were discussed to some extent, but no action was taken.

The Mayor further stated he had attended a Mayors' Meeting, called to consider the plan of the proposed Los Angeles Home Owners Trust Fund, to save property of small home owners from foreclosure, that Torrance had been requested to join, our quota to help pay operating expenses is \$73.00. The \$12,000,000.00 bond was also discussed.

At this time Mayor Klusman reinstated Councilman Steiner, Engineer Leonard and Street Superintendent Gascoigne.

Councilman Steiner moved this body establish a fund to be known as the Unemployment Relief Fund our City Treasurer to act as trustee to control the funds and to be collected by our City Clerk with whom contributions from any source would be deposited. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Conner, Ludlow, Steiner and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Steiner moved the proposition of the summer course of Public Administration Institute of Government be tabled. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Steiner moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Conner, Ludlow, Steiner and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Conner moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

M. A. Klusman
Mayor of the City of Torrance.